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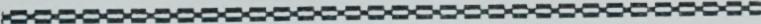
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LITCHFIELD

NEW HAMPSHIRE


FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1956




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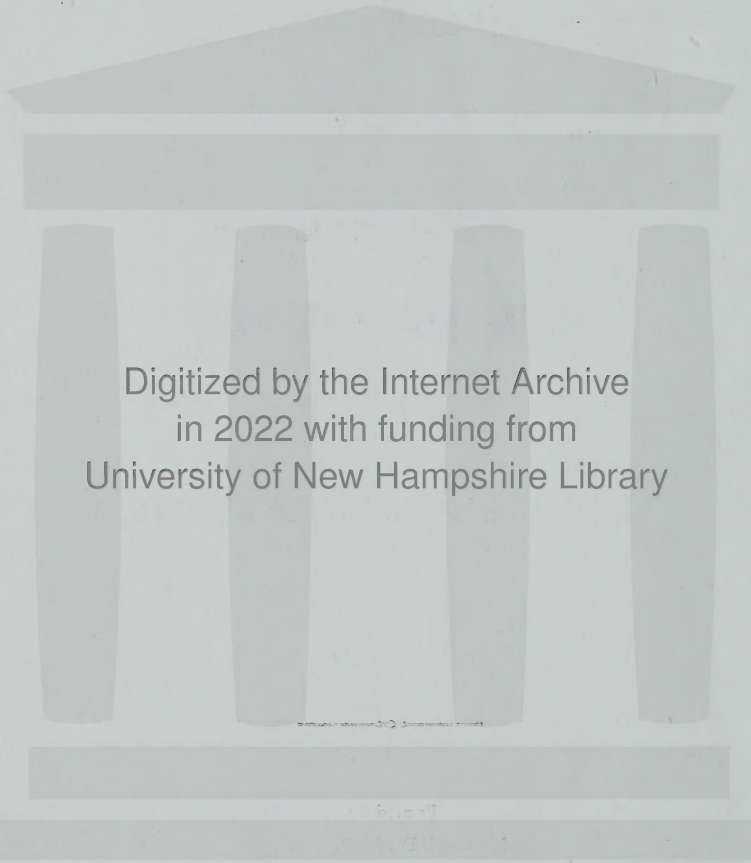
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TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator

CHARLES B. CAMPBELL

Town Clerk

BARBARA CAMPBELL

Treasurer

STERLING COLBY

Selectmen

FRED McQUESTEN GEORGE L. ADAMS
ROLAND J. LEVESQUE

Highway Agent

ARNOLD C. CAMPBELL

Auditors

FREDERICK C. GOFFE ERDINE MacDOUGALL

Supervisors

ELIZABETH C. MORRILL LIZZIE B. LEACH
DORIS GOFFE

Ballot Clerks

SOPHIA ADAMS SYLVESTER A. REID
FLORENCE CENTER JEAN H. LEACH

Tax Collector

ROBERT JERRY

Chief of Police

DAVID A. CAMPBELL

Police Officers

CHARLES B. CAMPBELL
FRED McQUESTEN
JOHN BURNS, JR.

SYLVESTER A. REID
JOHN JANOSZ
FRANCIS SMITH

Constable

ALLEN M. KENDALL

Forest Fire Warden

FRED McQUESTEN

Deputy Fire Wardens

SYLVESTER A. REID
FRANCIS SMITH

DAVID A. CAMPBELL
ROBERT GODDARD

Fire Department

ROBERT JERRY, Chief
FRANCIS SMITH, Deputy Chief
CHARLES PARKER, Deputy Chief

Health Officer

RICHARD C. LEACH

Library Trustees

FREDERICK C. GOFFE
CORABEL COLBY
WILLIAM McELWAIN

DAVID A. CAMPBELL
HELEN PARKER
RICHARD C. LEACH

Librarian

FLORENCE C. CENTER

Moderator School District
CHARLES B. CAMPBELL

Clerk School District
LEWIS C. GOFFE

Treasurer School District
GLADYS A. LOCKE

School Board
CLIFFORD MacDOUGALL LEON CALAWA, JR.
OLIVE CAMPBELL

Auditors School District
EDWIN B. HILL HELEN M. PARKER

Trustees Town Trust Funds
DAVID A. CAMPBELL CLIFFORD MacDOUGALL
CYRUS E. WILSON

Fence Viewing
CHARLES B. CAMPBELL IRA D. FORD
JAMES T. COLBY, JR.

Surveyors of Wood and Lumber
CHARLES B. CAMPBELL IRA D. FORD
JAMES T. COLBY, JR.

Planning Board
PAUL HENDRICK, Chairman
DAVID CAMPBELL BERTHA CROWELL
CLIFFORD MacDOUGALL JOHN BURNS

ELMER JACKSON

TOWN WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the Town of Litchfield in the County of Hillsborough in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at Town Hall in said Litchfield on Tuesday, the 12th day of March, next at one of the clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects.

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.

3. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$250.00 for the Public Library.

4. To see if the Town will vote to accept Town Road Aid for the permanent improvement of highways. Town to raise \$146.22 and the State to contribute \$974.79.

5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow in anticipation of taxes for the year 1957.

6. To see what action the Town will take in regard to Memorial Day and make appropriation for same.

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not exceeding \$50.00 (less than 1/100th of one percent of the Town's assessed valuation) to the Merrimack Valley Region Association as the Town's proportionate share in publicizing and promoting all interests in this Region, or act in relation thereto.

8. To see what action the Town will take in regard of selling or disposing of the Litchfield Fire Department—Trailer pump.

9. To see if the Town will use money received from sale of trailer pump towards purchase of a new truck.

10. To see what action the Town will take regarding new fire equipment and what money the Town will raise and appropriate for same.

11. To see what action the Town will take in regards of clearing wood roads. Raise and appropriate for same.

12. a. To see if the town will vote to adopt a plan for extending to employees of the town the benefits of title II of the Federal Social Security Act (Old Age and Survivor's Insurance) as authorized by Chapter 101 of the Revised Statutes Annotated Amended by Chapter 301 and 332 of the Laws of 1955 and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$———— to defray the town's share of the cost thereof.

b. To see if the town wishes to exclude from the plan services in any class or classes of positions filled by popular election.

c. To see if the town wishes to exclude from the plan services in any class or classes of positions the compensation for which is on a fee basis.

13. If a plan for Social Security coverage is adopted, to see if the town will authorize the selectmen to execute on behalf of the town the necessary agreement with the State of New Hampshire to carry into effect the plan and to see if the town will designate the Treasurer as the officer to be responsible for the administration of the plan.

14. To see what action the Town will take in regards to Civil Defense. To raise and appropriate for same.

15. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Planning Board of five(or seven) members with duties as set forth in Section 1-15, Chapter 36, N. H. Revised Statutes Annotated, 1955, to make a study of the Town's development and report to the Town appropriate recommendations for the promotion and maintenance of the Town's best development. The board members shall consist of one Selectman and four (or six) other citizens appointed by the Selectmen, as provided in Chapter 36, N. H. Revised Statutes Annotated, 1955.

16. To see if the Town will vote to authorize and empower the Planning Board to approve or disapprove, in its discretion, plats showing new streets or the widening thereof, or parks, and upon adoption of this article it shall be the duty of the Town Clerk to file with the Registry of Deeds of the County of Hillsborough, a certificate or note showing that the said Planning Board has been so authorized, giving the date of authorization, as provided in Sections 19-29 inclusive, Chapter 36 of the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, 1955.

17. To see if the Town will vote to sell a portion of the Bixby lot adjacent to the Charles Bancroft Highway and the lower Derry Road.

18. To see what action the Town will take in regards to White Pine Blister, raise and appropriate money for same.

19. To see what action the Town will take in regards to erecting a two-stall Fire Station, raise and appropriate money for same.

20. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting and read minutes of said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 21st day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-six.

FRED McQUESTEN
GEORGE L. ADAMS
ROLAND J. LEVESQUE
Selectmen of Litchfield

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:
FRED McQUESTEN
GEORGE L. ADAMS
ROLAND J. LEVESQUE
Selectmen of Litchfield

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall and Lot	\$ 6,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	175.00
Library Building and Lot	24,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	800.00
Fire Department	3,500.00
School Building and Lot	50,000.00
Equipment	2,500.00
Highway Equipment	1,000.00

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

SUMMARY INVENTORY

Lands and Buildings	\$517,710.00
Electric Plants	107,845.00
Horses (8)	575.00
Neat Stock (5)	425.00
Cows (71)	5,025.00
Hogs (2)	75.00
Fowls (2,625)	3,095.00
Portable Mills (2)	600.00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks (24)	3,200.00
Stock in Trade	550.00
Mills and Machinery	20,680.00
Boats	100.00
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	\$659,880.00
Less Soldiers' Exemptions and Exemptions to Blind	28,000.00
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	\$631,880.00

Estimated Revenue From:

Interest and Dividends Tax	\$ 280.00	
Savings Bank Tax	20.00	
Reimbursement a/c State Land	24.78	
Reimbursement a/c Growing Wood & Timber	600.00	
Dog Licenses	105.00	
Interest on Taxes	75.00	
Income from Trust Funds	50.00	
Sale of Lumber	200.00	
Sale of Land	1,000.00	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	2,600.00	
Poll Taxes	464.00	
National Bank Stock Taxes	96.00	
Yield Taxes	302.27	
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		\$5,817.05

TAXES COMMITTED TO COLLECTOR

Property Taxes	\$37,646.04
Poll Taxes	460.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	86.00
Timber Yield Tax	302.27
State Head Tax, 277 @ \$5.00	1,365.00

Tax Rate \$59.40 per \$1,000.00 Valuation

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

Received from:

F. P. Hayes, Collector	\$ 4,297.86
Robert Jerry, Collector	38,919.74
Barbara Campbell, Town Clerk	
Permits and Fees	2,493.83
Dog Licenses	63.00
State Treasurer	
General Prevention of Fires	6.60
State's Share — Forest Fires	43.90
Savings Bank Tax	19.94
a/c Woodlands Tax Loss 1955	674.57
Interest and Dividends Tax	280.00
Town Trustees	
Temporary Loans	6,000.00
Amoskeag National Bank	
Temporary Loans	5,000.00
Selectmen	
Use of Fire Equipment	22.50
Transfer of Bank Account	7,513.83
Mechanics Savings Bank	
Interest on Town Money	93.66
Merchants National Bank	
Capital Stock Tax	10.00
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Total Receipts	\$78,641.51

**COMPARATIVE LIST OF
APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES
AND BUDGET**

	Appropriations Previous Year 1956	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1956	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing Year 1957
Town Officers' Salaries \$	700.00	\$ 696.00	\$ 700.00
Town Officers' Expenses	525.00	653.00	600.00
Election & Registration	500.00	520.00	300.00
Exp. Town Hall & Other	75.00	470.41	75.00
Police Department	600.00	994.46	500.00
Fire Department	350.00	948.82	400.00
Insurance—Workmen	175.00	50.00	80.00
Health	25.00		20.00
Ambulance	50.00	72.00	72.00
Town Dump	100.00	110.00	100.00
Water Holes		125.00	100.00
Town Maint.—Summer	500.00	676.43	500.00
Town Maint.—Winter	800.00	2,106.75	1,000.00
Forest Fire	300.00	135.75	300.00
Gen. Exp. of Highway Dept.	100.00	43.87	100.00
Town Road Aid	146.25	146.22	145.98
Library	250.00	250.00	250.00
Town Poor	60.00	0.00	50.00
Old Age Assistance	300.00	335.26	230.00
Memorial Day	50.00	50.00	50.00
Town History		100.00	
Cemeteries	100.00	24.10	50.00
Town Map		43.40	
Damages & Legal Expenses,			
Incl. Dog Damage	50.00	0.00	50.00
Dept. of Retirement Tax		16.80	16.80
On Principal of Trust Funds			
Used by Town	100.00	138.02	150.00
County Taxes	2,848.66	2,751.67	2,800.00
School Taxes	36,768.45	39,596.62	44,512.75
	\$45,473.36	\$51,055.07	\$53,152.53

BALANCE SHEET

Assets

Cash on Hand Dec. 31, 1956	\$ 7,811.46	
Uncollected Tax 1956	4,565.15	
Uncollected Head Tax 1956	410.00	
Uncollected Timber Tax 1956	201.47	
Reimbursement From State on Growing Wood and Timber	600.00	
	<hr/>	\$13,588.08

Liabilities

Due School District 1956		
Appropriations	\$12,087.70	
Uncollected Head Tax 1956	410.00	
Excess of Assets Over Liabilities	1,090.38	
	<hr/>	\$13,588.08

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Motor Vehicle Permits	\$ 2,493.83	
Dog Licenses	63.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,556.83

BARBARA CAMPBELL
Town Clerk

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

RECEIVED:

Total Collected:

1956 Tax (Prop., Poll & Bank)	\$33,624.91
1955 Tax (Prop., Poll)	3,702.79
1954 Tax (Prop., Poll)	47.45
1953 Tax (Prop., Poll)	97.84
1956 Tax Interest	9.66
1955 Tax Interest	151.59
1954 Tax Interest	4.73
1953 Tax Interest	12.72
1956 Timber Tax	100.80
1955 Timber Tax	5.20
1955 Timber Tax Interest	.23
1956 Head Tax	960.00
1955 Head Tax	60.00
1954 Head Tax	5.00
1953 Head Tax	5.00
1956 Head Tax Penalties	8.50
1955 Head Tax Penalties	6.00
1954 Head Tax Penalties	.50
1953 Head Tax Penalties	.50

Uncollected:

1956 Prop., Poll, Bank	4,569.17
1956 Head Tax	430.00
1956 Timber Tax	201.47
1955 Poll Tax	34.00
1955 Head Tax	90.00
1955 Timber Tax	16.58
1954 Poll Tax	6.00
1953 Poll Tax	14.00
1953 Head Tax	40.00

Cash on Hand	\$35.08
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COLLECTOR'S EXPENSES:

Postage, Supplies and Tax Forms	\$	27.30
Head Tax Expenses	\$1,365.00 @ 3%	40.95

\$ 68.25

ROBERT G. JERRY
Tax Collector

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts

Balance on hand, December 31, 1955	\$13,202.08
Received from:	
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Robert Jerry, Collector	38,919.74
Barbara Campbell, Town Clerk	
Permits & Fees	2,493.83
Dog Licenses	63.00
State Treasurer	
General Prevention of Fires	6.60
State's Share—Forest Fires	43.90
Savings Bank Tax	19.94
a/c Woodlands Tax Loss 1955	674.57
Interest & Dividends Tax	280.00
Town Trustees	
Temporary Loans	6,000.00
Amoskeag National Bank	
Temporary Loans	5,000.00
Selectmen	
Use of Fire Equipment	22.50
Transfer of Bank Account	7,513.83
Mechanics Savings Bank	
Interest on Town Money	93.66
Merchants National Bank	
Capital Stock Tax	10.00
Total Receipts	\$78,641.51
	Disbursements
Paid Selectmen's Orders	70,830.05
Balance on hand, December 31, 1956	\$ 7,811.46
Cash on Hand, Dec. 31, 1956	\$ 7,811.46

Respectfully submitted,

STERLING COLBY,
Treasurer

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

TAXES COMMITTED TO COLLECTOR FOR 1956

Property taxes	\$37,646.04
Poll Taxes	460.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	86.00
Yield Tax	302.27
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	\$38,494.31

STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES

Town Clerk, Barbara Campbell	\$ 50.00
Town Treasurer, Sterling Colby	50.00
Selectman, Fred McQuesten	150.00
Selectman, George Adams	100.00
Selectman, Roland Levesque	100.00
Tax Collector, Robert Jerry	125.00
Chief of Police, David A. Campbell	50.00
Fire Chief, Robert Jerry	50.00
Trustee, David Campbell	7.00
Trustee, Cyrus Wilson	7.00
Trustee, Clifford MacDougall	7.00
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	\$696.00

TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES

Edson C. Eastman Co., Inc. Supplies	\$ 31.80
Ida M. Homer, Tax Collectors Ass'n. Dues	3.00
Wm. G. Berry, Town Officers' Bonds	88.30
Frank P. Hayes, Jr., Tax Collector—Mileage, Postage and Supplies	20.45
Robert Jerry, Tax Collector	27.30
Robert Jerry, Tax Collector, Head Tax	40.95
Charles R. Hardy, Town Clerk Ass'n. Dues	2.00
Barbara Campbell, Town Clerk, Postage, Tel., Dog Licenses—Motor Permits	177.70
Fred McQuesten, Selectman, Tel., Mileage and Meeting	34.70
George L. Adams, Selectman	5.00
Roland Levesque, Selectman	7.00
Brown, Saltmarsh	9.75
C. Edward Bourassa, Registrar	.30
Filing Cabinet	
S. A. Reid	15.75
Nashua Lumber Co.	57.36
Eugene Pelkey	32.00
Osgood Co.	19.53
Frederick Goffe	32.00
Erdine MacDougall	32.00
White Cross Store—Stationery	15.65
State of New Hampshire—Trailer Book	1.25
	\$653.79

ELECTION AND REGISTRATION

Leon Calawa, Jr., Ballot Clerk	\$ 4.00
Kate Hagerty, Ballot Clerk	4.00
Richard Leach, Ballot Clerk	4.00
James T. Colby, Jr., Ballot Clerk	4.00
Bertha Crowell, Ballot Clerk	7.00
Sophia Adams, Ballot Clerk	16.00
Florence Center, Ballot Clerk	23.00
Sylvester A. Reid, Ballot Clerk	23.00
Jean Leach, Ballot Clerk	23.00
Doris Goffe, Supervisor	33.00
Elizabeth C. Morrill, Supervisor	33.00
Lizzie B. Leach, Supervisor	33.00
Charles B. Campbell, Moderator	23.00
David Campbell, Moderator	4.00
Cole Printing Co.	286.00
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	\$520.00
Transfer of Bank Account	\$7,513.83

TOWN HALL

Public Service Co., Electrical Energy	\$ 21.53
Fred McQuesten, Janitor Service	16.00
Harold & Maude French, Insurance	44.10
S. A. Reid, Roof	10.00
Leon Calawa, Jr., Plaster	20.00
A. Morency	355.00
White Cross Store, Light Bulbs	3.78
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	\$470.41
Department of Retirement Tax	\$ 16.80
Tax Bought of Town	\$164.45

WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE

Archie Slawsby Ins.	\$50.00
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FOREST FIRE REPORT

Training Meeting	\$ 13.20
May 1st Fire	51.50
May 18th Fire	14.50
Londonderry Fire	20.70
Talent Fire	35.55
	\$135.45
Use of Fire Truck	\$ 22.50
Received From State	29.80
Received From Londonderry	20.70
	\$ 73.00

PLOWING WATER HOLES

David Campbell	\$ 9.00
George Adams	5.00
Griffin & Gage	93.00
Ray Jean	10.00
William Rodonis	8.00
	\$125.00
TOWN MAP	\$ 43.40
HISTORY OF TOWN	\$100.00

Charles B .Campbell	
Florence Center	
Nancy Hendrick	

TOWN DUMP

Arnold Campbell, Labor	\$ 50.00
Fred McQuesten	10.00
Frank Kennedy	50.00
	\$110.00

AMBULANCE SERVICE	
Police Department of Nashua	\$ 72.00

PAYMENT OF TEMPORARY LOAN IN ANTICIPATION OF TAXES	
Town Trustees	\$6,000.00
Interest	111.63
Amoskeag National	5,000.00
Interest	26.39

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY TREASURER	
County Tax	\$2,751.60

ABATEMENTS REFUNDED	
Susan M. Cornish	\$ 76.30

HEAD TAX	
State Treasurer, Head Tax	\$1,020.50

TOWN MAINTENANCE	
Arnold Campbell	\$ 676.43

WINTER MAINTENANCE	
Arnold Campbell	\$2,106.75

GENERAL EXPENSES OF HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	
Arnold Campbell	\$ 43.87

LIBRARY	
Frederick C. Goffe, Treasurer, Library Trustees	\$ 250.00

CEMETERIES	
Arnold Campbell, Mowing	\$ 24.10

OLD AGE	
State of New Hampshire	\$ 335.26

SCHOOL DISTRICT	
Gladys A. Locke, 1954 Appropriation	\$17,196.62
Gladys A. Locke, 1955 Appropriation	22,400.00
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	\$39,596.62

RECORDING DEEDS AND MORTGAGES	
C. Edward Bourassa	\$.30

POLICE DEPARTMENT

David Campbell, Chief of Police, Mileage,	
Hours, Telephone	\$311.54
Francis Smith	200.69
Sylvester A. Reid	58.40
Fred McQuesten	43.50
Civil Defense Police Radio	224.05
White Cross Store, Batteries	19.59
N. H. Explosive Co.	18.05
M. Linsky Co.	6.50
N. H. Humane Society	5.50
Bob's Shell Station	3.65
McQuesten Office Supplies	48.00
Charles B. Campbell	5.00
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	\$994.47

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

French Insurance Agency	\$ 16.05
Archie Slawsky Insurance Agency	11.60
Archie Slawsky Insurance, Fire Truck	66.80
E. Stafford, Secretary	10.00
Robert Jerry, Garage Rent	240.00
Robert Jerry, Battery	21.05
Robert Jerry, Gas & Oil	23.32
G. Adams	3.00
F. Smith	3.00
J. Janocz	3.00
S. Colby	3.00
J. Vatchi	3.00
D. Campbell	3.00
L. Calawa, Jr.	3.00
F. McQuesten	3.00
O. Jackson	3.00
R. Smith	3.00
L. Cota	3.00
D. MacDougall	3.00
H. Parker	3.00
A. Kendall	3.00

S. Reid	3.00
F. Goffe	3.00
E. Pelkey	3.00
G. Melbourne	3.00
A. Burgess	3.00
G. Cady	3.00
Treasurer Volunteer Fire Department, New Equipment	500.00
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	\$948.82

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

PERMITS TO OPERATE OIL BURNING EQUIPMENT:

1956 Four (4) inspected and permits issued
1955 Twelve (12) inspected and permits issued

FIRE CALLS FOR 1956 AS FOLLOWS:

- 4 Chimney fires
- 2 Over heated oil stoves
- 1 Saw-dust pile fire
- 1 Three (3) acre brush fire
- 1 1/8 acre brush fire (Londonderry township)
- 1 Talent's private dump
- 1 Automotive fire
- 1 Fuel oil tanker truck
- 1 Trip to check on reported fire
- 1 Institution oil burner inspected

The credit for such a short list of fires in the town reflects on the good judgment of the people.

We have held practice sessions with Hudson and Pelham for Civil Defense. It is the desire of the Civil Defense to integrate the various fire departments to meet emergencies that might arise. Other practice sessions are scheduled for the coming year.

I would like to assure all home owners that the fire department stands ready to come at once in case you suspect a chimney fire or an over heated oil stove.

CALL HA 4-5510

ROBERT JERRY
Fire Chief

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT YEAR 1956

WINTER ROADS

1. Plowing Snow	
Arnold Campbell—Truck	\$ 977.55
Sylvester Reid—Helper	288.70
Fred McQuesten—Helper	15.40
David Campbell—Helper	5.50
Gary Conaty—Helper	2.20
George Adams, plowing snow with tractor	17.00
Fred McQuesten plowing snow with tractor	21.00
David Campbell, plowing snow with tractor	60.00
Total	<hr/> \$1,387.35
2. Salting Roads	
Sylvester Reid—Truck	\$ 155.00
Fred McQuesten—Helper	83.05
Arnold Campbell—Helper	2.20
Total	<hr/> \$ 240.25
3. Snow Fence	
Arnold Campbell—Truck	\$ 33.75
Richard Snetsinger—Labor	5.50
Gary Conaty—Labor	3.85
Fred McQuesten—Labor	3.30
Robert McQuesten—Labor	5.50
Francis Gilcrest—Labor	9.35
David Campbell—Labor	6.05
Total	<hr/> \$ 67.30
4. Purchases & Repairs	
Wirthmore Grain—Salt	\$ 523.26
E. E. Nadeau & Sons—Repairs	3.60
Robert Jerry—Hyd. Fluid	2.25
Harold French—Ins. on Snow Plow	4.32
R. C. Hazelton's Inc.—Parts & Plow blades	108.37
Arnold Campbell—Trip to Manchester	4.00
Total	<hr/> \$ 645.80
Total for winter maintenance	\$2,340.70

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Summer Maintenance

Arnold Campbell—Truck & Tractor	\$158.75
William Rodonis—Tractor & Shovel	4.50
David Campbell—Power Saw	37.50
Sylvester Reid—Labor	3.30
Gary Conaty—Labor	25.30
Camille St. Armond—Labor	12.10
Ian Southerland—Labor	5.50
Fred McQuesten—Labor	32.80
Robert McQuesten—Labor	22.00
Dennis Adams—Labor	22.00
Osgoods—5 Flares	13.45
Fuller's—Oil for Flares	8.70
Robert Jerry—Use of Grader	5.00
Town of Hudson—Cold Patch	35.75
Joseph Roark—Gravel	1.20
Frank Kennedy—Bulldozer	93.50
Arnold Campbell—Highway Meeting	5.00
Fred McQuesten—Highway Meeting	5.00
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Total	\$491.35

REPORT OF BUILDING INSPECTOR 1956

Permits for new houses	1
Permits for other new buildings	4
Permits for alterations	1
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Total number of permits	6

DONALD MacDOUGALL

Building Inspector

POLICE DEPARTMENT

- 17 Accidents reported
 - 1 Assisting ambulance driver, emergency
 - 6 Ambulance calls
- 19 Arrests for speeding
 - 9 Arrests for yellow line
- 63 Miscellaneous
 - 3 Arrests, passing stopped school bus
 - 1 Arrests, failure to keep to right
- 53 Warnings issued
 - 1 Arrest, non support
 - 3 Arrests, failure to appear on written summons
 - 2 Cases, petty larceny, settled out of court
 - 4 Deer struck, conservation officer notified
 - 1 Road blocked by storm, traffic re-routed
 - 1 Dog turned over to humane society
 - 1 Dog disposed of
 - 3 Dogs reported struck
 - 4 Assisting other departments
 - 3 Other departments assisting
 - 4 Homes checked, away on vacations
 - 1 Shooting

The past year our radios have been used to good advantage a number of times. The Nashua Police Dept. is most cooperative and is giving us splendid service. Their ambulance service to the townspeople is a great help, and we are fortunate to be able to depend on them.

Paper work is requiring more time every year. Federal agencies, armed services, and other departments are all sending requests for information. Accidents require a considerable amount of written information. On the average we receive a call or injury a day.

The Litchfield Police Association formed by the men of the department was able to purchase uniforms last year. Other equipment is being purchased for use in our work. To the people who helped make this possible, our sincere thanks.

If you observe persons acting in a suspicious manner please notify an officer. Give him all information you have, description, automobile registration if any, and other important details. During the past year we have had two attempts of violence on young people.

In the past we have furnished a number of citizens with emergency road flares, to be used in case of chimney fires. Placed in the stove or furnace they will quickly smother a chimney fire. This however, does NOT mean that you should not call the Fire Department, but it will help a great deal in an emergency.

DAVID CAMPBELL

Chief of Police

FOREST FIRE WARDEN'S REPORT

Your Town Dump

Use it freely

Care for it

Your town dump has been set up for your personal convenience. It provides a suitable place where you can dispose of the large amounts of dangerous, inflammable waste material and other useless items which accumulate around your household and local stores, brush, etc., cut on your property. The town dump has become a valuable and indispensable asset in modern community life.

The most successful town dumps are supervised—regular days provided for their use and inflammable material consistently burned. The town dump which receives no attention, where waste material is scattered about without supervision of any description, soon becomes a community menace and a liability rather than an asset.

Many people still burn debris around their homes. A large number of such fires get out of control causing unnecessary damage and expense to the burner. Why burn at home? Make use of your town dump and eliminate the hazard of burning. It will be easier for you—personally and financially.

If, however, you do burn on your premises

1. Secure a permit from your local forest fire warden—the law requires it. The warden won't refuse you if conditions are safe.
2. Be sure to properly supervise your burning. Don't leave it.
3. Make certain your fire is DEAD OUT before leaving it.

Save yourself much possible difficulty

Use your dump freely

Help Keep it safe

Number of local fires

3

Number of acres burned

3¼

WINTHROP HANNAFORD

District Fire Chief

FRED McQUESTEN

Forest Fire Warden

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TOWN TRUST FUNDS

ALPHONSE H. POWERS CEMETERY FUND

Dec. 31, 1955 Balance Manchester Savings Bank	\$104.20
Dec. 31, 1956 Dividend	3.40
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	\$107.60

ZOE WHITTEMORE CEMETERY FUND

Dec. 31, 1955 Balance Manchester Savings Bank	\$108.20
Dec. 31, 1956 Dividend	3.53
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	\$111.73
Paid Out	5.50
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	\$106.23

MARY L. MARSH CEMETERY FUND

Dec. 31, 1955 Balance Manchester Savings Bank	\$103.50
Dec. 31, 1956 Dividend	3.38
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	\$106.88
Paid Out	3.50
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	\$103.38

JOHN A. CORNING & GEORGIA WATTS CEMETERY FUND

Dec. 31, 1955 Balance Manchester Savings Bank	\$103.51
Dec. 31, 1956 Dividend	3.38
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	\$106.89
Paid Out	3.51
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	\$103.38

SELAH BIXBY CEMETERY FUND

Dec. 31, 1955 Balance Manchester Savings Bank	\$1,618.63
Dec. 31, 1956 Dividend	53.01
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	\$1,671.64
Paid Out	44.59
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	\$1,627.05

FRANKLIN S. BANCROFT CEMETERY FUND

Dec. 31, 1955 Balance Manchester Savings Bank	\$211.69
Dec. 31, 1956 Dividend	6.92
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	\$218.61
Paid Out	9.50
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	\$209.11

CHARLES G. PARKER CEMETERY FUND

Dec. 31, 1955 Balance Manchester Savings Bank	\$129.36
Dec. 31, 1956 Dividend	4.00
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	\$123.36
Paid Out	9.50
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	\$116.86

JOHN KENNARD LIBRARY FUND

Dec. 31, 1955 Amoskeag Savings Bank	\$548.07
Dec. 31, 1956 Dividend	17.95
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	\$566.02

SELAH BIXBY LIBRARY FUND

Dec. 31, 1955 Balance Manchester Savings Bank	\$120.47
Dec. 31, 1956 Dividend	3.93
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	\$124.40

BANCROFT HIGHWAY FUND

Dec. 31, 1955 Balance Manchester Savings Bank	\$1,411.05
Dec. 31, 1956 Dividend	35.30
Interest Town of Litchfield \$1,000.00 loan	6.60
	\$1,452.95

ETHEL LEACH SCHNEIDER CEMETERY FUND

Aug. 1956, Manchester Savings Bank	\$100.00
Dec. 31, 1956 Dividend	1.63
	\$101.63

AARON CUTLER LIBRARY FUND

Dec. 31, 1955 Balance Manchester Savings Bank	\$3,976.15
Dec. 31, 1956 Interest and Dividends	680.80
Alco. Stock Preferred called in	3,455.70
	\$8,112.65
Total	
Paid Treasurer, Library Trustees	\$ 900.00
Stocks purchased	1,954.11
Interest Paid	6.60
	\$2,860.71
Total	
Dec. 31, 1956 Bank Balance	\$5,251.94
U. S. Bonds	\$3,200.00
Estimated Value, Stocks	\$13,000.00

DAVID CAMPBELL
CLIFFORD McDOUGALL
CYRUS WILSON

Trustees

AARON CUTLER MEMORIAL LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Receipts 1956

Balance, Jan. 1, 1956	\$ 105.52
Town of Litchfield	250.00
Town Trustees	900.00
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Total Receipts	\$1,255.52

Payments

F. C. Center, Librarian	\$ 300.00
T. Marsan, Janitor and supplies	151.40
Fullers Fuel Oil Service	341.96
C. Wilson, Repairs to Lawnmower	20.00
Goodman's Bookstore	22.48
Public Service Co.	128.65
M. M. Hickey, Magazines	31.40
Simon & Schuster	13.90
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Total Payments	\$1,155.99

Balance, Jan. 1, 1957	\$ 99.53
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FREDERICK GOFFE

Treasurer

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

SUPPLEMENTARY CATALOG

December 31, 1955—December 31, 1956

General

Ackerman, Risks We Face	6118
Atkeson, Semi-centennial History of the Patrons of Husbandry	6138
Browne, Stranger than Fiction	6142
Carr, American Enterprise	6119
Dooley, Deliver Us From Evil	6096
Fosdick, John D. Rockefeller, Jr.	6120
Free, All about House Plants	6152
Goldberg, Havelock Ellis	6144
Lamb, Tales from Shakespeare	6139
Landis, ed., Four Famous Greek Plays	6141
Laune, Sand in My Eyes	6114
Lyford, History of Concord, N. H.; 2 Volumes	6172-3
Mitchell, Reveries of a Bachelor	6163
New Hampshire Reports; Vol. XCIX	6078
Packard, Our Air-age World	6180
Parkman, Oregon Trail	6143
Peabody, Singing Leaves	6162
Reader's Digest Condensed Books; 5 Volumes	6121-5
Slattery, Charm of the Impossible	6176
Slattery, Girl in Her Teens	6174
Slattery, Teacher's Candlestick	6175
Tharp, Three Saints and a Sinner	6158
Whitney, McArthur; His Rendezvous with History	6133
Wilkinson, Edwin Arnold	6161
Williams, Paradise Prairie	6098
Wilson, Aristocrats of the Garden; 2 Volumes	6116-7
Wilson, If I Were to Make a Garden	6177
Wilson, Plant Hunting; 2 Volumes	6178-9
Windsor, Heart Has Its Reasons	6111

Fiction

Barrie, Farewell Miss Julie Logan	6167
Barrington, The Thunderer	6171
Bunyan, Pilgrim's Progress	6104
Dane, Flower Girls	6157
Erskine, Galahad	6169
Fallada, Little Man, What Now?	6166
France, Red Lily	6164
Frank, Forbidden Area	6099
Greene, Deeper Root	6137
Gruber, Bugles West	6084
Hawthorne, Blithedale Romance	6135
Huston, Gates of Brass	6113
McCrone, Charlotte and Dr. James	6100
Mason, Our Valiant Few	6155
Maugham, Cakes and Ale	6168
Maugham, Then and Now	6147
Moore, Speak to the Winds	6153
Nye, Red Sombraero	6085
Phillips, When the Wind Blows	6112
Powell, The Philadelphian	6154
Ritner, Summer Brings Gifts	6108
Robinson, The Cardinal	6150
Schmidt, David the King	6149
Short, And the Wind Blows Free	6160
Stein, Three Lives	6146
Stern, Oleander River	6165
Stevens, Walk Humbly	6170
Tarkington, Seventeen	6151
Wallace, Secret House	6134
Wellman, Jericho's Daughter	6156
West, Fountain Overflows	6159
Whitney, Highest Dream	6107
Wilson, The Herdsman	6148
Woolf, The Waves	6145

Juvenile

Anderson, Saddlebag Summer	6088
Belden, Stardust	6105
Bemelmans, Madeline	6082
Bedford, Walt Disney's Robin Hood	6129
Campbell, Fiddlesticks and Freckles	6089
Floherty, Forest Ranger	6110

Hogarth, John's Journey	6132
Hunt, Golden Book of Indian Craft and Lore	6081
Knight, Lassie Come-Home	6094
Lindman, Flicka, Ricka, Dicka and Their New Skates	6092
Lindman, Snipp, Snapp, Snurr and the Gingerbread	6091
Lindman, Snipp, Snapp, Snurr and the Yellow Sled	6115
McCready, Mr. Stubbs	6079
Malter, Our Tiniest Animals	6095
McIlvaine, Stardust for Jennifer	6097
Milne, When We Were Very Young	6136
Molloy, Secret of the Salem Desk	6087
Miryam, Happy man and His Dump Truck	6131
Mygatt, Prisoner in the Circle	6106
Nielson, Island Exile	6101
Nixon, Pushti	6080
O'Brien, Silver Chief's Revenge	6090
Ozone, Winter Tree Birds	6103
Pallas, Singing Trees Mystery	6109
Potter, Our Friend Mrs. Goose	6086
Shannon, Tyee's Totem Pole	6093
Shapiro, Daniel Boone	6128
Shapiro, Walt Disney's Davy Crockett	6126
Stanford, Treasure of the Coral Reef	6102
Tarkington, Penrod	6140
Werner, Walt Disney's Mad Hatter's Tea Party	6127
Woodcock, Hiho! Three in a Row	6130
Wyler, Golden Book of Astronomy	6083

Resources

Number of volumes at beginning of year	5940
Number of volumes added	103
Total at end of year	6043

Services

Number of volumes loaned to adults	535
Number of volumes loaned to children	572
Magazines, pamphlets, maps, etc., loaned	273
Total circulation	1380

Periodicals

Good Housekeeping, Hobbies, Life, National Geographic, Nature, New Hampshire Profiles, Parents, Popular Science, Scholastic, Time.

Respectfully submitted,

FLORENCE C. CENTER
Librarian

SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL DISTRICT WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the town of Litchfield qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the 16th day of March 1957, at seven o'clock in the evening to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agent of the district.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state foundation aid fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.

9. To see if the district will vote to authorize the school board to make application for and to accept, on behalf of the district, any or all grants or offers for educational purposes which may now or hereafter be forthcoming from the State of New Hampshire and/or United States Government.

10. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Litchfield this 1st day of March 1957.

CLIFFORD M. MacDOUGALL
LEON C. CALAWA, Jr.
OLIVE CAMPBELL

School Board

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

CLIFFORD M. MacDOUGALL
LEON C. CALAWA, Jr.
OLIVE CAMPBELL

School Board

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

To the citizens of Litchfield:

We wish to express our appreciation first, to the entire populace of the town, the Parent Teachers Association, and all the other clubs and organizations who have given us their finest cooperation.

This has been a rather trying year with the teacher employment situation. We are hopeful in that with your agreement, we will be able to offer them a slightly better wage, and therefore induce them to stay with us. Also, to better induce new applicants that we have something worthwhile to offer them. We find it necessary to open another classroom due to the distribution of our classes. This necessitates hiring an additional teacher.

This coming spring, and summer, we hope to be able to complete the landscaping of the grounds. Not only will this benefit the appearance of the school, it will also benefit the children in playground arrangement, and better parking conditions for the teaching staff.

In closing, we want once more to thank everyone concerned for their splendid consideration and cooperation.

CLIFFORD M. MacDOUGALL,
Chairman
OLIVE CAMPBELL
LEON C. CALAWA, Jr., Clerk
School Board

SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE FOR 1957-58

School District of Litchfield

School Board's statement of amounts required to support public schools and meet other statutory obligations of the district for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1957.

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

	1955-56	1956-57	1957-58
Salaries of District Officers	\$ 130.00	\$ 347.00	\$ 437.00
Superintendent's Salary (local share)	221.25	216.00	242.05
Tax for State Wide Supervision	202.00	244.00	244.00
Salaries of other Personnel	290.00	332.04	389.74
Supplies and Expenses of Administration	222.22	299.56	368.08
Principal's and Teachers' Salaries	14,720.03	15,800.00	20,750.00
Books and Other Instructional Aids	541.10	472.50	472.50
Scholars' Supplies	494.30	535.50	535.50
Supplies & Other Expenses of Instruction	211.29	200.00	250.00
Salaries of Custodians	996.80	1,100.00	1,400.00
Fuel or Heat	1,540.99	1,200.00	1,300.00
Water, Light, Supplies, Expenses	1,488.11	1,000.00	1,175.00
Repairs and Replacements	418.44	250.00	600.00
Health Supervision	255.98	233.48	233.48
Transportation	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,302.40
Tuition	2,379.07	6,510.00	10,100.00
Special Activities & Special Funds	2,256.85	1,000.00	2,000.00
Retirement	810.13	1,041.75	1,413.46
Insurance, Treasurer's Bonds, etc.	179.20	997.36	494.27
Lands and New Buildings	1,115.81		
Additions and Improvements	214.35	100.00	100.00
New Equipment	989.48	350.00	150.00
Principal of Debt		3,500.00	3,500.00
Interest on Debt	639.38	1,230.62	1,134.38
Total amount required to meet School Board's Budget	\$33,316.78	\$39,959.81	\$50,591.86
Budget Deficiency Appropriation	3,000.00		
	\$36,316.78		
Estimated Income to District State Aid	2,229.51	4,579.11	6,079.11
Assessment Required to Balance School Board's Budget	\$34,087.27	\$35,380.70	\$44,512.75

REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER

for the

Fiscal Year July 1, 1955 to June 30, 1956

Cash on Hand July 1, 1955	\$	38.62
(Treasurer's Bank Balance)		
Current Appropriation	\$27,696.62	
Advance on Next Year's Appropriation	500.00	
Received from State Treasurer	2,229.51	
Federal Funds	590.72	
Received from Sale of Notes and Bonds (Principal only)	99.00	
Received from all Other Sources	2,595.08	
Total Receipts		\$33,710.93
Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year		\$33,749.55
Less School Board Orders Paid		\$33,316.78
Balance on Hand June 30, 1956	\$	432.77
(Treasurer's Bank Balance)		
July 24, 1956		

GLADYS A. LOCKE,

District Treasurer

Auditor's Certificate

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Litchfield, N. H. of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1956 and find them correct in all respects.
July 31, 1956

HELEN M. PARKER
EDWIN B. HILL

Auditors

**FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE
LITCHFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT**

July 1, 1955 to June 30, 1956

Receipts

Federal Aid

National School Lunch	\$ 590.72
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State Aid

Foundation Aid	2,229.51
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Local Taxation

Current Appropriation	27,696.62
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Advance of Next Year's Appropriation	500.00
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Other Sources	2,694.08
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Total Receipts from All Sources	\$33,710.93
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Cash on Hand July 1, 1955	38.62
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	\$33,749.55
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Payments

Administration

Salaries of District Officers	\$ 130.00
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Superintendent's Salary (local share)	221.25
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Tax for State Wide Supervision	202.00
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Salaries of Other Administration Personnel	290.00
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Supplies and Expenses	222.22
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Instruction

Teachers' and Principal's Salaries	14,720.03
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Books and Other Instructional Aids	541.10
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Scholars' Supplies	494.30
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Supplies and Other Expenses	211.29
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Operation of School Plant	
Salaries of Custodians	996.80
Fuel or Heat	1,540.99
Water, Light, Supplies and Expenses	1,488.11
Maintenance of School Plant	
Repairs and Replacements	418.44
Auxiliary Activities	
Health Supervision	255.98
Transportation	3,000.00
Tuition	2,379.07
Special Activities—School Lunch	2,256.85
Fixed Charges	
Retirement	810.13
Insurance, Treas. Bonds and Expenses	179.20
Capital Outlay	
Lands and New Buildings	1,115.81
Additions and Improvements	214.35
New Equipment	989.48
Debt and Interest	
Interest on Debt	639.38
Total Net Payments for All Purposes	\$33,316.78
Cash on Hand, June 30, 1956	432.77
Grand Total Net Payments	<u>\$33,749.55</u>

BALANCE SHEET

Assets

Cash on Hand June 30, 1956	\$ 432.77
Due from Federal Agency—School Lunch	76.20
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Total Assets	\$ 508.97
Net Debt (Excess of Liabilities Over Assets)	4,076.04
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Grand Total	\$4,585.01

Liabilities

Accounts Owed by District	
Advance on 1956-57 Appropriation	\$ 500.00
Outstanding Bills	4,085.01
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	\$4,585.01
Surplus (Excess of Assets Over Liabilities)	0.00
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Grand Total	\$4,585.01

Certificate

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. The accounts are kept in accordance with Section 24 of Chapter 82 of the Revised Laws of New Hampshire 1942, and upon forms prescribed by the State Tax Commission.

CLIFFORD MacDOUGALL
OLIVE CAMPBELL
LEON CALAWA, Jr.
School Board

SCHOOL TREASURER'S REPORT

July 1, 1955 to June 30, 1956

Receipts

Balance in Bank	\$ 38.62
Lunch Fund from State Treasurer	590.72
State Aid	2,229.51
U. S. Savings Bonds	99.00
School Building Fund	2,595.08
Appropriation	27,696.62
Advance on 1956-1957 Appropriation	500.00
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	\$33,749.55

Payments

Charles Boska	\$ 2,735.90
Margaret Cronin	203.30
Thelma Gibson	1,928.24
Catherine Hammond	350.00
Dorothy Laughlin	2,065.00
Elizabeth Morrill	296.60
Margaret Tetreault	2,030.10
Marjorie Ware	1,756.61
Lilla Copp	330.00
Florence Center	60.00
Bertha Campbell	65.00
Evelyn Quimby	50.00
Hortense Olson	10.00
Dorothy Spalding	40.00
Ida Hill	20.00
Hilda Abbott	40.00
Raymond MacIntire	20.00
Dwight Meader	10.00
Mary Haight	708.00
Treffe Marsan	595.60
Newell Carney	971.60
Fred McQuesten	3,000.00
Collector of Internal Revenue	346.00
N. H. Teachers Retirement System	1,754.95
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	125.76
Public Service Co. of N. H.	416.92
Mary Haight School Lunch	590.72

Rinehart Handwriting System	32.50
Washington National Insurance	35.00
Bertha Crowell	141.75
Charles Campbell	50.00
Park's Inc.	69.00
State of New Hampshire	223.38
The French Agency	27.45
Fisherman Press	6.14
H. L. Shepherd	182.95
Olive Campbell	110.00
City of Boston	142.21
Andrew T. Johnson Co., Inc.	83.52
Telegraph Publishing Co.	11.20
William G. Parker Co.	10.00
Arnold Campbell	23.00
Clancy & O'Neil	146.15
Maxfield Press	16.05
Nashua Trust Co.	1,552.20
National School Methods, Inc.	1.40
National School Service	.84
N. H. — Vt. Hosp. & Phys. Service	81.45
Postindex Co.	3.10
Prentice Hall Inc.	19.24
A. H. Rice Co., Inc.	3.00
Row, Peterson & Co.	2.58
Scott Foresman & Co.	257.89
Silver Burdett Co.	149.81
J. Therrien, Inc.	240.00
Twombly Associates, Inc.	486.50
Paul F. Crowell	25.20
Community Gas Co., Inc.	32.01
Leon Calawa, Jr.	40.00
Lewis Goffe	10.00
Clifford MacDougall	60.00
American Education Publication	23.90
Percy J. Callaghan Pharm D	13.39
Follett Publishing Co.	1.49
Hammar Hardware Co.	2.50
City of Nashua	1,842.00
L. W. Singer Co., Inc.	8.96
Sugar Ball Press	2.18
Sullivan Moving & Storage	15.45
Tri-State Office Equipment Co., Inc.	6.47
Nashua—Hudson Tel. Ans. Service	13.30

Rowell & Miller	284.46
Jeannotte Brothers	87.20
William L. Nutting, Inc.	15.00
Hudson School District	.50
Osgoods	8.13
Kennedy's Trucking	10.00
Wilfred Lapierre	35.00
N. H. Supply Co.	40.48
Sylvester A. Reid	41.80
David Campbell	19.00
Ena Leach	25.00
National Education Assoc.	10.00
Supervisory Union #27, Mrs. Linscott	672.99
Supervisory Union #27, Margaret Tetreault	7.50
N. H. Education Assoc.	24.00
American Book Co.	60.54
Milton Bradley Co.	355.77
California Test Bureau	23.25
Central Paper Products	219.91
Fuller's Fuel Oil Service	1,461.39
Hamilton Metal Products Co.	7.25
Harper & Brothers Publishers	2.08
D. C. Heath & Co.	5.20
J. I. Holcomb Mfg. Co.	934.53
Houghton Mifflin Co.	132.62
Interstate Restaurant Equipment	56.50
MacMillan Co.	36.81
Mainco Trading Co.	9.38
City of Manchester	394.86
Martin & Murray Co.	23.30
First National Bank of Boston	639.38
Alfred T. Granger Assoc.	935.49
Newell Carney	12.00

\$33,316.78

GLADYS A. LOCKE

Treasurer

Audited and Approved, July 31, 1956

HELEN M. PARKER

EDWIN B. HILL

Auditors

LITCHFIELD SCHOOL BUILDING FUND

Gladys Locke, Treasurer

Available Funds

Notes—Second National Bank

of Nashua, 8/11/55	\$10,000.00
8/22/55	31,000.00

	\$41,000.00
Bonds—First National Bank of Boston	46,500.00
Dudley	325.00
Bond Interest Earned 7/1/55 to 9/9/55	230.89

Total Funds Available	\$88,055.89
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Disbursement of Funds

Construction

Adrian Labrie, Inc.	\$41,851.88
A. L. Haskins	105.00
Leon Calawa	140.00

\$42,096.88

Equipment

Gilbert Denault	\$ 150.00
Star Equip. Co.	220.00

\$ 370.00

Administration

Alfred Granger Assoc.	\$ 1,845.00
Clancy & O'Neil	53.00
Sweeney & Temple	15.00

\$ 1,913.00

Other

Second National Bank of Nashua, repayment of Notes with interest	\$41,080.93
School District of Litchfield	2,595.08
Checking account balance	0.00
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Total Disbursement of Fund	\$88,055.89

Summarization of Building Fund

Bonds	\$46,500.00
Dudley	325.00
Interest earned over interest expended	149.96
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Total Building Fund	\$46,974.96

Less: Expenditures for:

Construction	\$42,096.88
Administration	1,913.00
Equipment	370.00
School District	2,595.08
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	\$46,974.96

Balance of Fund 0.00

Audited and Approved July 31, 1956

HELEN M. PARKER

EDWIN B. HILL

Auditors

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Litchfield School District

To the School Board and citizens of Litchfield:

It is with pleasure that I submit my second annual report.

During the summer Litchfield was faced with the dilemma of replacing a teacher for Grades 5 & 6 and a teaching Principal for Grades 7 & 8. It was unfortunate that Grades 5 & 6 have posed a problem but we have been most fortunate in securing Mrs. Alice Westneat as a replacement for the remainder of the year. Mrs. Westneat has had a wealth of experience, is vitally interested in young people and is outstanding in the classroom. Litchfield children should benefit greatly from her teaching.

Your School Board has taken an important step forward in making two recommendations for 1957-58. Number one is requesting an increase in teacher salaries that would allow your Superintendent some leeway in seeking teacher replacements. Number two is the request for an additional teacher that would allow single Units in Grade 1-4.

With the present shortage of teachers it has been most difficult to interest them in any combination grade as they have their choice of single grades. A reasonable beginning salary and a single grade in one through four should aid materially in attracting good replacements.

Educationally, going to single grades is wise because it will allow the teacher to give her undivided attention to pupils in the smaller unit.

Additions and Improvements

The leveling off of the playground should be advantageous in many ways. It will eliminate water holes, will make more play space available and should help in setting up specific play areas for children of various ages and sizes. The interest of the P. T. A. manifested by a contribution toward the expense involved is greatly appreciated by all.

Your school board has wisely set up a program of painting and repairs that should aid materially in keeping maintenance costs at a minimum.

The use of the basement room in the North end of the building will make an outside exit from that room necessary. This must be done to meet the State Fire Marshal's recommendations and has been provided for in the proposed budget.

The building of an adequate incinerator out back would materially improve the situation esthetically and health wise. This would very well be a community project and could be done at little cost.

School Lunch

The School Lunch Program under the Direction of Tref Marsan with Mrs. Haskins as helper has been proving popular and thereby successful. We were fortunate that Mr. Marsan with his past experience in the Lunch Program was willing to take over the duties of Director. Mr. Marsan has been carrying on most efficiently after taking over from Mrs. Clifford MacDougall who got the program off to a good start last fall.

Instruction

Mr. John McGrath's work in charge of instruction has been of the highest order, and he has worked diligently for the continued improvements of instruction in your school. As his report follows I shall only say that his conscientious efforts are most appreciated by your Superintendent.

In closing I wish to express my appreciation to the school board for their cooperation, I have found them ever ready to work for the welfare of your children. I also wish to thank the teachers, parents and children for the friendly spirit in which all have worked for a common cause, Litchfield School and its pupils. This has made my work a pleasant task.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS L. RAMSAY

Superintendent of Schools

HELPING TEACHER

Mr. Louis L. Ramsay
Superintendent of Schools
Supervisory Union #27
Hudson, N. H.

Dear Sir:

I herewith submit my third annual report as Helping Teacher in the area of instruction for the Litchfield School District.

The following items are particularly worthy of notation when the general and specific advancements in the area of curriculum are to be evaluated since the period ending my last annual report.

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION:

(1.) Our development reading program has continued to attempt to produce the best readers possible commensurate with each child's individual abilities. The addition of a separate phonics program in grade two (Reading With Phonics by Hay and Wingo) to strengthen this area, and the acquisition of the independence reader, **Tall Tales**, Scott-Foresman Company, has helped to complete the three grade approach to reviewing and strengthening learned word analysis and word attack skills before entrance to grade four, the opening year of intermediate grade approaches to education.

Further attempts to provide help in the areas of visual and auditory perceptions in the progress of reading was held forth in the form of a text for that purpose, **Building Word Power** by Durrell and Sullivan.

In the intermediate grades advances were made. Grade four has acquired a transition reader, **Just Imagine** and skill practice and building workbook to accompany. This book attempts to aid the youngsters review and better adjust to the fourth grade reading program.

The general process of attempting to change from the old edition **single** readers with workbooks used in all grades, to the dual reader approach, which is incorporated in the new edition is progressing as planned. The primary grades are completely adopted and much has been done to help toward total completion in grades four, five, and six.

The testing program of mental maturity and achievement as outlined in last year's annual report has, undoubtedly, helped the teachers with the total advancement of the testing program. The readiness program of testing before pre-reading instructions is started has proved its worth in terms of money and time expended.

Part of a developmental reading program encompasses the fostering of interest in study reading and recreatory reading. A lack of proper children's literature available in the classroom and in the town's area tends to make this a major problem in the teaching of reading. Possibly this is an area in which the P. T. A. can be helpful in this yearly project.

Future plans for strengthening our pre-testing program and actual reading readiness tests and new testing are to be added.

Of this be assured, the conscientious efforts on the part of the teachers in establishing the levels of grouping for ability within each class and their continued professional interests in the teaching of this major area has provided each child with efficient reading instructions gauged to his ability to learn.

Future plans should include using the internal testing designed for use with our basal reading systems, Scott, Foresman—Curriculum Foundation Series in order to certify levels of achievement and verify group achievement standards within each class.

Also, Recreatory and study readers should be included in our purchasing for the future as recommended by our basal reading system in its brochure on supplementary reading materials.

A general union-wide faculty meeting was held with Miss Mary Jane Jack, the Scott-Foresman Reading Consultant at which she discussed with all the teachers the teaching of reading with the Foresman basal reading system.

(2.) In the area of language arts—excluding reading which I have just discussed great advances have been made. Teachers are beginning to see the feasibility of the unit approach which our McKee Language program provides and signs of greater acceptance are seen everywhere.

Through this acceptance the general areas of proficiency in Language—**Reading, Writing — Speaking, Listening**, are being included in each unit of language taught. Mechanics and grammar are thus beginning to take their relative place in our total language structure program. Slowly, but surely, the supplementary materials for practice, drill, and testing are being used as offered by the McKee Language. All this provides greater language abilities for our students.

We had hoped to be able to add to our language program in grade two an emphasis or oral language development. At present ours is a “writing” program contained in “Let’s Write”. We hope to be able to add “Let’s Talk” and thus make our language program emphasize oral development and become more effectual.

In discussing our language program we should realize how fortunate we are in having a total dictionary training program in grades 4-8. However, the actual introductory program has proved too much of a burden to complete in grade four and, thus, should be divided between grades four and five for more efficient teaching and learning.

Spelling, and the directed teaching thereof, is being done certainly according to modern standards of methodology and approach. The greatest hope should be the additions of using the principals of evaul-analysis in the teaching of reading to our present excellent method of teaching spelling. With this attempt by the teachers an even stronger developmental program in spelling will result as well to the area of spelling carry-over of reading principles.

A general union-wide faculty meeting was held with the Houghton-Mifflin Company language arts consultant. All elementary teachers attended and received help from Miss Elizabeth Lenk concerning the functioning and use of the McKee Language program.

A tape-recorder would be a most useful item to use in the teaching of language. Perhaps this could be a suggested project for the P. T. A. in light of the other burdens for supplies and equipment placed upon the general budget.

Lack of a thoroughly planned program, proper materials, necessary continuity and proper supervision makes our handwriting program rather an **overall** failure. The ultimate goal of the program is to obtain the best possible

handwriting from each school child with a minimum expenditure of time, money, efforts, and materials. To achieve this, teachers and children must become writing conscious. They must recognize and develop handwriting concomitants such as neatness, accuracy, attention to details, interest and attitudes. I would recommend some type of a controlled, supervised, directed program of continuity.

IN THE ARITHMETIC AREA:

Achievement tests tend to validate the fact that a greater over all advancement to grade level standard is being achieved here than in any other area.

Hopes are that we shall in the future extend the **depth** type of **grouping** for ability and individual attention in teaching arithmetic in each classroom to replace single grade standards. In order to have our **Making Sure of Arithmetic** program by Silver Budett Co., succeed the premise must be that depth grouping be effected in all grades — one through eight. A general union-wide faculty meeting was held with the Silver Budett Company consultant for arithmetic, Miss Laura Phillips to discuss the teaching of arithmetic in grades 1-8. All teachers attended. Particularly interesting was Miss Phillips' discussion of **depth grouping**.

In the English Language Arts area a developmental reading program providing for individual differences is extended into the seventh and eighth grades. In grade seven we have acquired the basal 7¹ reader **Parades** and with proper use will provide a well rounded addition to directed teaching of reading in the junior high areas. A helpful addition would be a Rat-O-Meter to help increase speed efficiency and comprehension efficiency in reading. For a small cost of fifty dollars many dividends will accrue. Perhaps this could possibly be a project for the P. T. A.

As in the elementary situation the McKee Language program is prospering greatly and the eighth grade version **Perfecting Your Language** should be added next year.

Spelling also could be included in this area to which my comments under "Elementary education" could well apply. A dictionary program of directed study flourishes as part of our language arts program. The acquisition of the American Book Company literature and developmental readers has enabled literature to be started with a purpose,

appreciation and development in the reading score. A great deal of "Missionary" work remains to be completed in this area of our junior high program. Next year's help as recommended by the basal will aid greatly.

The newest level controlled readers in our Follett Social Studies need to be added to both grades seven and eight. This year, a stronger program in current events has greatly enhanced our social studies program.

Comments previously made concerning the arithmetic program apply here at the junior high level also. Certainly a strong program in junior high mathematics is needed when you consider that a child can, conceivably, progress through high school without receiving further mathematical training other than grades one through eight. All aims and objectives for a better arithmetic program in the junior high should be pinpointed toward this end.

The boosting of the teaching of seventh and eighth grade science to five full periods a week has shown profit in the learning and concepts the children have gleaned. The same principles of a lack of further science training beyond this grade are possible here in this area. Thus, we are attempting to greatly strengthen this area also for the future reference of students in high school.

A tape-recorder of the inexpensive variety would be a wise acquisition here in junior high areas, also. It has limitless possibilities as an audio-visual instrument to provide new avenues of approach to a better learning progress. Perhaps, if the school budget will not withstand such an expenditure, this is an excellent project again for the most beneficent Parent Teachers Association.

Concerning the total testing program. It is operating efficiently as outlined in last year's report. The following contemplations have been fostered during the year and after experiencing a portion of our previously planned program.

(a) A new readiness testing program in grade I, probably the Metropolitan Readiness Test — which tests reading and number readiness.

(b) An exclusion of one of the general areas of achievement testing (Reading, Arithmetic, Language) in grades 4, 5, 6, and a diversified staggered testing program to

cover one test in social science and one test in science.

In grade eight we have added the administration of the California Interest Inventory Test of Vocational preferences to help them with their problems of high school course and subject selection for grade nine. The results of these are available to students and parents as are the achievement test results in the spring in the areas of Reading, Arithmetic and Language.

The teachers of the district have been diligent in their professional duties and obligations to the children throughout the year. They have been most cooperative concerning our mutual work of the improvement of instruction.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation. It has been a pleasure to work with you and serve as your assistant for instructional services.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. McGRATH,
Helping Teacher

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL FOR 1956-57

Litchfield School

To The Residents of Litchfield:

This report is written with the intention of better enlightening the people of Litchfield as to what has been accomplished in their school and to give them an idea of some of their needs in the school program of the town.

First, I would like to report that things are running much better now than at the beginning of the year. We have worked out most of the serious problems that encountered us in September and October. The school rules which were put into effect are now being followed with much more cooperation on the part of all concerned. Our discipline in and out of school has shown a marked improvement. Some work has been started in trying to improve our school yard. We have initiated a library time, twice a week for grades five through eight, with two eighth graders in charge, which has been quite successful. I would also like to make a comment here, that I think the hot lunch program under Mr. Marsan and Mrs. Haskins is tops. I would recommend that the program start in September.

Now for a few comments on what should be done to further improve upon schooling in Litchfield.

First of all, the grounds in general, should be cleaned up and relandscaped. It was started in November but left in a terrible condition for the winter months. We definitely need some sort of an incinerator to burn the wastebasket contents daily. We also need something to put the cans and wastes of the hot lunch program into, so that they would remain confined to one place until picked up.

Along this same line, the grounds should be done over for purposes of recreation and to facilitate for better organization of the children during their outdoor time. As it is now, they can only play as the areas are suitable. I think that the baseball diamond should be relocated, so that the batter would hit the ball out toward the farmland north of the school. It is dangerous the way it is layed out. Small children playing near the school are in danger of getting hit by the ball.

The school building in general can stand much improvement. The windows in the old school are loose, the boys and girls toilet facilities are poor, and could stand much work. The blackboards in the two rooms of the old school are beginning to show signs of wear, and the paint in the rooms is poor.

We need many new desks and chairs in all of the rooms as we are having difficulty with the present desks. We need several larger ones in all grades from the fifth grade up.

Some of our text books will have to be replaced shortly, as many are in poor condition. We have run short of pencils and some paper this year, as well as other items.

Another problem I have had this year is the teachers' room and its accommodations. It has become too small and the furniture is about worn out.

There is one more comment I would like to make at this time. I think that if the principal was allowed to sit in on a meeting of the school board with the Superintendent twice a year, it would help him to understand the aims and plans that they might have, along with giving him a chance to tell his side, and keep them enlightened as to current problems he might be having. Such a procedure would encourage greater cooperation.

Respectfully,

John S. Groves, Principal

NOTIFICATION OF SCHOOL ASSESSMENT, 1956

Expenditures (1956-57)

Current Expenditures	\$34,685.19
New Equipment	350.00
Debt and Interest	4,730.62

Total Appropriation (including	
Appropriation Voted at	
Special Meetings)	\$39,765.81

Receipts (1956-57)

Balance, June 30, 1956	None
State Aid (estimate)	4,579.11
Other Receipts (estimate)	35,186.70

Total Appropriation (including	
Appropriations Voted at	
Special Meetings)	\$39,765.81

Certificates

To The Board of Selectmen:

I certify that the above is a correct statement of the obligations authorized, and the amounts to be assessed to meet statutory requirements and appropriations made at the annual meeting of the Litchfield school district held March 17, 1956.

June 5, 1956

LEWIS C. GOFFE,

Clerk of the School District

To The Department of Education:

I certify that the above is a correct statement of the financial proceedings of the district for the school year 1956-57, and that copies of this statement have been filed with the chairman of the board of selectmen and entered in the records of the school board in accordance with N. H. Revised Statutes Annotated, Chapter 197, Section 20.

July 26, 1956

CLIFFORD MacDOUGALL

Chairman of the School Board

TEACHERS UNDER APPOINTMENT

Teacher	Contract Salary	Salary Less Deductions
Charles Boska	\$3,100.00	\$2,735.90
Thelma Gibson	2,625.00	1,928.24
Catherine Hammond	350.00	350.00
Dorothy Laughlin	2,700.00	2,065.00
Elizabeth Morrill	325.00	296.60
Margaret Tetreault	2,675.00	2,030.10
Marjorie Ware	2,800.00	1,756.61

ENUMERATION OF CHILDREN UNDER 19

September 1, 1956

Grade	Litchfield School	Other Schools	Total	Grand Total in Litchfield School
12		4	4	
11		8	8	
10		6	6	
9		8	6	
8	13	0	13	
7	12	0	12	
6	8	1	9	
5	15	1	16	
4	16	1	17	
3	21	2	23	
2	20	3	23	
1956-57	21	1	22	126
1957-58	13	0	13	126
1958-59	11	1	12	125
1959-60	16	0	16	133
1960-61	15	2	17	133
1961-62	10	0	10	128
1962-63	*	*	7	*
Others			10	
Grand Total			246	

* Statistics for this year were incomplete on Sept. 1, 1956

COMPARATIVE ENROLLMENT 1956-57

LITCHFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT

Excludes Possible Retentions in Grades

Grade		Teacher		No. of Pupils	
1956	1957	'56-57	Teacher	Assigned	
1957	1958		'57-58	1956-57	1957-58
1	1	Tetreault	Tetreault	21	10*
2	2	Laughlin	Laughlin	19	21
3 of 2/3	3	Laughlin	New Teacher	10	see below
3 of 3/4	-	Gibson		11	see below
4 of 3/4	4	Gibson	Gibson	16	21
5 of 5/6	5 of 5/6	Westneat	Westneat	15	16
6 of 5/6	6 of 5/6	Westneat	Westneat	8	15
7 of 7/8	7 of 7/8	Groves	Groves	12	8
8 of 7/8	8 of 7/8	Groves	Groves	13	12
*plus or minus retentions					
Total Rooms		'56-57	5	'57-58	6
Total Teachers		'56-57	5	'57-58	6
Total Pupils		'56-57	125	'57-58	

NURSE'S REPORT

To the Superintendent of Schools and the School Board of Litchfield:

Health report of school year from Sept. '55 to June '56:

Number Defects Found	Number Corrected
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Vision	1	1
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Hearing	3	Lip Reading
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Speech	3	Lip Reading
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Teeth	50	35
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Tonsils	3	3
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Chicken Pox	10
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Measles (German)	54
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Orthopedic Clinic 1 pupil - frequently

Salk Vaccine October 4, 1955—20 pupils

Salk Vaccine March 23, 1956—92 pupils

Registration Day, April 3, 1956—20 pupils examined.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGARET E. CRONIN, R.N.
School Nurse

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

Gloria Jean, born to Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Labrie, in Nashua, January 1, 1956.

Margo, born to Mr. and Mrs. John Clement, in Nashua, May 31, 1956.

Janis, born to Mr. and Mrs. J. Colin Pushee, in Nashua, June 27, 1956.

Donald M., born to Mr. and Mrs. William McElwain, in Nashua, August 16, 1956.

Lynn Ann, born to Mr. and Mrs. Camille St. Armand, in Nashua, November 9, 1956.

Wendy Jo, born to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Horne, in Nashua, December 1, 1956.

DEATHS

Florence M. Burkitt, died in Nashua, October 27, 1956,
age 68.

MARRIAGES

Leo St. Armand of Litchfield and Cecile Lambert of Nashua, were married in Nashua, May 5, 1956.

Lionel Lavoie of Litchfield and Priscilla Gosslin of Litchfield, were married in Nashua, May 12, 1956.

Donald Upham of Nashua and Hazel Ann MacDougall of Litchfield, were married in Litchfield, May 19, 1956.

Lucien St. Armand of Litchfield and Yolande Morrisette of Nashua, were married in Nashua, June 2, 1956.

Bernard Paul Doherty, Needham, Mass. and Mary Helen Colby, of Litchfield, were married in Manchester, July 14, 1956.

Fred D. McQuesten of Litchfield and Helen Makawiec, Manchester, were married in Manchester, September 29,

Paul DeQuoy of Litchfield and Marjorie Abbott of Hudson, were married in Hudson, November 10, 1956.

